

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A separator for a fuel cell provided with a first surface facing to an anode electrode at one side and a second surface facing to a cathode electrode at the other side, wherein the separator is formed so that a material for forming the first surface has a characteristic of reducing elution of metal ions and a material for forming the second surface has a characteristic making it difficult to form a thick oxide coating layer are made different from each other.

2. (Currently Amended) A separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 1 configured by bonding a first separator member for forming the first surface facing to the anode electrode and a second separator member for forming the second surface facing to the cathode electrode, wherein a material for forming the first separator member is formed by a material having a characteristic of reducing elution of metal ion and a material for forming the second separator member is formed by a material having a characteristic of being difficult to form a thick oxide coating layer are made

~~different from each other.~~

3. (Original) A separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 2, wherein the material for the first separator member is a non-metallic material, while the material for the second separator member is a metallic material.

4. (Currently amended) A separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 3, wherein the non-metallic material is either one of a carbon material and a ceramics material.

5. (Original) A separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 2, wherein the material for the first separator member is a chrome alloy, while the material for the second separator member is a nickel alloy.

6. (Currently Amended) A separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 1 configured by bonding a first separator member for forming the first surface facing to the anode electrode and a second separator member for forming the second surface facing to the cathode electrode, wherein the first surface is plated by a material having a characteristic of reducing elution of metal ions and the second surface is plated by a material having a

characteristic making it difficult to form a thick oxide  
coating layer a surface treatment is provided on the surface  
of the first separator member and on the surface of the  
second separator member, wherein a material of the surface  
treatment provided on the first separator member and a  
material of the surface treatment provided on the second  
separator member are made different from each other.

7. (Currently Amended) A separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 6, wherein the plated material on the first  
surface the surface treatment provided on the first  
separator member is a gold plating and the plated material  
on the second surface the surface treatment provided on the  
second separator member is [[a]] tin plating.

8. (Currently Amended) A separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 6, wherein the plating surface treatment  
provided on the second surface facing to the cathode  
electrode is provided only on the second surface of the  
second separator member that is in contact with the cathode  
electrode.

9. (Currently Amended) A separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 1 configured by bonding a first separator

member for forming the first surface facing to the anode electrode and a second separator member for forming the second surface facing to the cathode electrode, wherein the first surface is plated by a material having a characteristic of reducing elution of metal ions and the second separator member is formed by a material having a characteristic making it difficult to form a thick oxide coating layer a surface treatment is provided on one of the surface of the first separator member and the surface of the second separator member, wherein the surface treatment provided on one of surfaces of the first separator member and the second separator member is made different from a material forming the other one of the first separator member and the second separator member.

10. (Currently Amended) A separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 1 configured by providing a plating surface treatment at only one side of a base, wherein the base is formed by one material of a first material having a characteristic of reducing elution of metal ions and a second material having a characteristic making it difficult to form a thick oxide coating layer, while the one side is plated by other material of the first and second materials the material for forming the first surface is one of a

~~material for forming the base and a material of the surface treatment, while the material for forming the second surface is the other one of the material for forming the base and the material of the surface treatment.~~

11. (Currently Amended) A separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 10, wherein the first material ~~for forming the first surface~~ is a non-metallic material ~~of the surface treatment~~, while the second material ~~for forming the second surface~~ is a metallic material ~~for forming the base~~.

12. (Original) A separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 11, wherein the non-metallic material is a carbon.

13. (Currently Amended) A separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 10, wherein the first material ~~for forming the first surface~~ is a chrome alloy ~~for the forming the base~~, while the second material ~~for forming the second surface~~ is tin plated on the base.

14. (Currently Amended) A separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 10, wherein the plated side of the base is the second surface of the separator and the second material is plated tin is plated only on the second surface that is

in contact with the cathode electrode.

15. (Currently Amended) A separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 10, wherein the first material is a nickel alloy, the second material is a gold, and the plated side of the base is the first surface of the separator material for forming the first surface is a gold plated on the base, while the material for forming the second surface is a nickel alloy for forming the base.

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